

OPINION 2108 (Case 3260)***Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; Arachnida, Amblypygi): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the widely used specific name *Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; family PHRYNICHIDAE) for a species of whip spider (Amblypygi) is conserved by the suppression of its senior synonym *D. australis* Simon, 1886, that has been used doubtfully only once.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *australis* Simon, 1886, as published in the binomen *Damon australis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *johnstonii* Pocock, 1894, as published in the binomen *Titanodamon johnstonii* (specific name of the type species of *Titanodamon* Pocock, 1894) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *australis* Simon, 1886, as published in the binomen *Damon australis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3260

An application to conserve the specific name *Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; family PHRYNICHIDAE) for a species of whip spider (Amblypygi) by the suppression of its senior synonym *D. australis* Simon, 1886 was received from Peter Weygoldt (*Institut für Biologie I, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, D-79104 Freiburg, Germany*) on 10 December 2002. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **60**: 188–190 (September 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **60**: 189. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 16 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Evenhuis, Kerzhner and Ng were on leave of absence; no votes were received from Böhme and Martins de Souza.

Voting against, Alonso-Zarazaga and Bouchet noted that the names involved had been little used and considered that priority should be maintained.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

australis, *Damon*, Simon, 1886, *Bulletin de la Société zoologique de France*, **11**: 575–576.
johnstonii, *Titanodamon*, Pocock, 1894, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (6)**14**: 291–292.